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Some students used the balcony on the second floor of the Milo Bail Student Center to escape from the madding crowd below. A variety of events took place in the plaza below the balcony all week.

Think She Can't?

by Kimberly Kolakowski

In many ways, Stacy Hayworth is an average university student. She is finishing her graduate work in the College of Social Work and will be receiving her Master's Degree in social work with an emphasis on medicine and health next July. Stacy plans on working with pediatric clientele and their families as soon as she graduates as well as continuing her studies towards earning a doctorate. She is still exploring the areas in which she will receive her Ph.D., but has narrowed the choices to business health administration, a DSW in education, or clinical counseling.

"I am the type of person that if you say I can't, I say wath me," commented Hayworth in a recent interview. She couldn't have been more correct, you see, since Stacy

Stacy Hayworth

Hayworth is completely blind.

At the age of thirteen, Stacy became a juvenile diabetic, and at the age of thirty she suffered both kidney failure and blindness. The blindness occurred as a slow process over the course of nine months, starting with sensitivity to light and getting progressively worse to the point of total darkness. Stacy felt, however, that the slow loss of sight actually made adjusting to the disability easier.

"Without even realizing it I was able to form my own adaptive techniques for cooking, cleaning, and communicating. Having the kidney failure at the same time forced me to fight to adjust and stay alive."

In some ways, Stacy has found that her blindness has helped her in school. Although she has always

been an excellent student, her overall grade point average has gone up since she lost her vision. She attributes this to the fact that, unlike the majority of students, she no longer relies on visual learning and instead takes the time out to pay attention to what is being said and to analyze and retain that information.

"I have learned to use my other senses to my advantage," she said.

This past summer Stacy was chosen as one of twenty-six finalists from a pool of 450 applicants nationwide to attend a scholarship convention in New Orleans, sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind. The scholarship committee, made up of

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Build Your Own, Save Money

by Hyrum Wilson

For many students, college is the place where they go to listen to produce fessors, take a few notes, do a little homework and hopefully pass the final at the end of each semester. Some students at UNO's College of Business Administration (CBA), however, have been getting a little more than a lecture and a test. For several months, these students have been learning first hand how to save money without sacrificing quality. The end result is the Maverick Computer, a computer assembled by students.

CBA administrators discussed the idea of self-assembled, and therefore cheaper, computers for quite some time. But it was not until Christmas break last year, when John Fiene, Director of CBA Information Technology, decided to assemble a computer for himself, that the idea became a practical possibility. The computer he built was of high quality, and relatively low cost, and UNO was convinced that this was a good way to save money.

However, as with any good idea, there are always a few snags. One of these was a lack of quality parts in the area. Since the goal was not to just save money, some parts had to be found and bought over the Internet. With the right pieces in hand, CBA was ready to start assembling.

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Iftikhar Ahmed, left, a graduate student, and David West, a senior in Management Information Systems, work on assembling a Maverick Computer together.

\$100,000 For Human Rights

by Helen Evans

Human rights are the essential privileges that all persons possess as protection against mistreatment. Human rights has deep historical roots beginning with the formation of natural laws by the Ancient Greeks and Romans. Later, both secular and humanistic strains of thought emerged during the Renaissance Era and blossomed fully during the eighteenth century. Moreover, as the nineteenth century continues to reflect a significant number of positive changes regarding human rights, we would be remiss not to recognize and examine the fact that much work remains. People, both inside and outside of the United States, are falling victim to senseless acts of violation against their human rights.

Fortunately, the University of Nebraska at Omaha's department of philosophy and religion has been awarded a \$100,000 gift in order to establish an annual lecture series focusing on the importance of human rights. Omahans Shirley and Leonard Goldstein generously donated the money in order to promote an urgency for the recognition of human rights. This program has been established to bring prominent human rights speakers or scholars to the university once a year.

Dr. William Blizek, a professor of philosophy in UNO's philosophy and religion department stated, "Universities need to focus more attention on human rights because it is a connection between the intellectual activities of a university and the practical way

people around the world lead their lives. I think the gift from the Goldsteins is a significant contribution to the humanities, especially in this age of technology and information science."

For over 20 years, Shirley Goldstein has wholeheartedly devoted her time and efforts to promoting and preserving human rights around the world, particularly focusing on securing freedom for Soviet Jews. Shirley Goldstein regularly journeyed to the Soviet Union to lend support to the Refuseniks, thus drawing the attention of the world to their plights upon her re-

Goldstein also was the first person to retrieve audio tapes form Moscow that vividly depict the struggle of one of the Soviet Union's most famous conscientious objectors, Anatoly Sharansky. Thus, Goldstein has been respectfully distinguished by the Jewish Federation of Omaha and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Goldstein has also received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree form the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Acting on her belief that one person can make a difference, Goldstein has repeatedly made significant differences in the lives of hundreds of individuals that were victimized by the Soviet Union, as well as other governments. Indeed, the Goldsteins have served as an inspiration for others to join this admirable cause for freedom and human rights.

Gateway events

Coming Up

Friday 29th

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. opening reception

"Chicago Four" art exhibit UNO Art Gal-

Wednesday 3rd

7:30 p.m. faculty artist recital featuring Bill Ritchie, Bass, and Marsha Johnson, piano/harpsicord

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Saturday 6th

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7:30 p.m. Inspirational Choir

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Bruckner Looks to Influence Future Educators

by Jonathan Pelphrey

Martha Bruckner describes herself as "homegrown." And it may be a sense of connection and commitment to the Omaha community that has led her to her present position. Bruckner, a lifelong resident of Omaha and graduate of UNO, spent years as both a teacher and an administrator at Ralston High School before joining the UNO faculty in 1994. Now, three years later, she has been appointed the new Chair of the Department of Educational Administration and Su-

pervision in the College of Education.

Bruckner, who began her new job Aug. 18, said her circumstances made her promotion unusual. "I'm still an assistant professor and I'm not tenured, so that's interesting," she said. "But the people in the department just said 'hey, we want you to do this.'

Bruckner said the conditions were similar when she first decided to leave Ralston and join the faculty at UNO. "I love public education and I love high schools. It wasn't that I was burned out or tired — I still really enjoyed it — but this opportunity presented itself. When I said I really wasn't ready for this, I was encouraged to think about it as a chance to influence other potential high school principals, so that my influence could broaden instead of limiting myself to one school."

The new position as chair of the department will provide new ways to influence current and future school administrators, according to Bruckner. Toward that end, she said she travels

extensively throughout the state offering assistance to school administrations. At the same time, Bruckner said, she will continue to try to teach two classes each semester.

Bruckner said her department is also developing new masters-level and doctorate-level cohort programs. These programs enable groups of students to work together on the graduate level. "It gives them all sorts of support that they might fear they wouldn't have in a regular doctoral program,"

"We really are trying to do some student-centered things," Bruckner said. "They talk about retention issues at UNO and that's definitely a problem. While we don't deal with it in the same way because we don't have undergraduates, we are truly trying to deal with it from the aspect of graduate work."

Bruckner said that, although she feels a little overwhelmed with starting out, she is excited about her new job. "I'm really looking forward to it."

Martha Bruckner, below, hopes her new job as head of the Department of Educational Administration and Supervision will provide her new opportunities to make a positive impact on young educators and administrators.



photo by Chad Greene

Campus Update

Dr. Wade Robinson has accepted the position of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Enrollment Services. He has held this position on an interim basis since June of 1997. Before that he served as the Director of Academic Records and Registration at UNO beginning in November of 1994. Prior to coming to UNO, Dr. Robinson was the Assistant Registrar at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Dr. Robinson has a Ph.D. in Administration, Curriculum and Instruction and a Master's in Educational Administration from the University of Nebraska at Lin-

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Think She Can't?

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blind individuals, mentors the finalists for a week, conducting interviews, challenging each person on philosophic feelings about their blindness, and learning about the hopes, goals, and dreams of each person. At the end of the week, Stacy Hayworth was chosen as the recipient of the \$10,000 scholarship. She plans to use this money to upgrade her computer, pay off medical bills, finance her further education, and to do a little traveling.

"I love to travel and hope to be able to see some of the good friends I made while attending the convention."

Overall, Stacy believes that losing her eyesight has caused the core person of who she really is to surface. In having faced a life threatening situation she learned to appreciate little things and to be more assertive.

"I have found better or more depth to the meaning of people and events in life. In the end it all boils down to spirituality, support, sense of humor, and stubbornness.'

Although Stacy Hayworth has completely lost her eyesight it becomes clear that she has definitely not lost her vision.

Build A Computer

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There are two different levels of computers being assembled. One is the Pentium 166, while the other is a much faster Dual Pentium Pro 200. Assembly of these machines only takes about 45 minutes, and yet it saves the college anywhere from \$200 to \$500 per machine.

The assemblers are eight students with majors in business, computer science, or information services. At the beginning, the student assemblers are supervised to make sure that the computers are put together correctly. After awhile though, the students have enough knowledge to put them together on their own. Also, each worker receives detailed instructions. Over time, some of the students graduated and had to be replaced. Fiene said many of the leaving students used this experience to get jobs.

As of Aug. 27, about 30 computers have been assembled. They are currently located in the Enron Lab (room 401) in the CBA building. Enron Corporation had the lab named after them when they donated thirty thousand dollars for the advancement of technology in UNO labs. The Maverick Computers in the lab are being primarily used by students needing to create presentations.

Fiene also said that there are plans for another twenty computers to be assembled by the end of the year. He went on to say that only half of the computers will make it into the Enron Lab, while the rest will be distributed among the faculty and staff.

He reasoned that the only purpose of the self assembled computers is to save the university money. CBA did not start the program to compete with

other computer companies. He also said that students interested in obtaining Maverick Computers are out of luck for now. Although he said that inexpensive, high quality machines could be sold to the student body if another student organization was interested.

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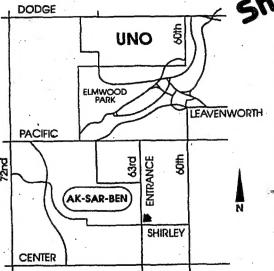


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Gateway. Opinion

Let's go nuts and wear white after Labor Day!

opinion by Tamra Willett-Johnson

Was reading the newspaper recently and I stumbled across an article that had me wondering if I had accidentally step into the time-space continuum and was back in the 1930's. Under the aegis of being the Grand Diva of taste, Letitia Baldrige was telling readers how to dress in order to avoid being tasteless.

Now, I don't avoid all advice columns. I like Miss Manners — being polite is the oil that keeps the gears of society moving — her arch writing and smooth way of dealing with the clueless usually elicit a smile. But a column on taste? How can one make rules about taste?

It's a different kettle of fish to let folks know that it is rude (i.e., will make others uncomfortable) if you ask for money instead of gifts than to tell folks they are "tasteless" if they wear sequins during the day. How can that possibly make others uncomfortable? I didn't know that there were people out there who presumed to know the rules of OKness and oh-so-smugly tell us unwashed masses what we should be wearing.

I grew up in the old school of dressing under the strict eye of Mom. No white shoes after Labor Day, no black shoes after Memorial Day and whatever color, they matched your purse. Mom taught that "nice" girls don't have pierced ears (amazingly she now proudly sports diamond studs in her be-holed lobes), no woman older than 30 should have hair below her

My step-son and his cronies try to walk up our hill wearing pants whose waistline hovers around their coccyx.

shoulders, and eyebrows are meant to be plucked into submission.

I have defied all these rules with pleasurable abandon. I like black shoes no matter what the season, am thinking of having another hole put in my ears, and plan to be one of those old ladies with a braid down to their waists. Now I find out there are even more rules to be defied.

Ms. Baldrige says it is tasteless to wear a baseball cap to a wedding. Why? How does such an action possibly offend anyone? She also gives the big thumbs down to wearing sleeveless undershirts in public. Huh? Didn't she see Twister and admire, with the rest of us, Helen Hunt's shirt de jour? I love these type of shirts, and even have my own nickname for them — I call them "Stanleys" in honor of Brando's role in "A Streetcar Named Desire." My husband knows that to tweak my attention, all he need do is wear a Stanley with a pair of jeans.

I just don't get this whole taste thing. While I do have my own personal don't list (the next time I see a woman wearing heels with stirrup pants I might loose control and pull em over for a fashion citation) I understand this is a totally arbitrary list and the offenders only bother me because I let them. I would not begin to tell others what to wear, unless of course I am asked, for example, "Should I wear nylons with shorts?" or "Should I by one of those skort outfits?" I would forcibly answer no — but then let the questioner know it is really up to them to choose their own level of comfort and style.

I get a kick out of watching young adults defy the rules of taste. I admire their bravery — dying their hair colors not found in nature, piercing their eyebrows and bellies, and (especially young women) wearing what is comfortable (jeans and a tee-shirt) instead of being trapped, like I was, in the "ladylike" dictates of fashion.

While I still don't get the appeal of big saggy pants and those half shaved haircuts so beloved of young people, I wouldn't dare tell them they're being tasteless and to shape up and wear real clothes for criminy's sake. While I do smother a chuckle or two watching my step-son and his cronies try to walk up our hill wearing pants whose waistline hovers around their coccyx (they look like so many penguins bobbing up an ice slope) I am careful to wipe the smirk off my face before they arrive. It's their thing, let them do what they wanna do.



Summer Fun Cajun Style

opinion by Sean Guilfoyle

What an experience. The summer had been quite uneventful, not unlike other school breaks in the past. This one, however, was different

As a humble and valuable member of the Gateway staff, I was given an all-expense paid trip to the Big Easy, the city of New Orleans. They said it was simply for writers who had contributed such worthy pieces over the course of the previous two semesters. I knew in my own mind it was simply a bribe, to ensure that I would return to write for the upcoming fall semester (obviously it worked). I merely had to pay for transportation, food, and accommodations.

Actually, I was there on business (well, kind of). Delta Sigma Pi, the co-ed professional business fraternity on campus, was holding its biannual 41st Grand Chapter Congress. For five days I would be attending seminars and delegation voting to help determine the path our chapter and others across the nation would be taking the next two years.

Unfortunately, I was not selected delegate for our chapter. I was subsequently exiled to spend my time with other unworthy people on Bourbon Street. My time was not wasted, though. Holding fraternal relations high, I walked (staggered) from place to place (holes in the wall) meeting and greeting my fellow brothers from all stretches of our country (hung on so as not to fall on the floor, argued about who could drink more, and slurred out the words to Jimmy Buffett songs).

New Orleans was a blast, but it didn't start off so smooth.

I was traveling along with five "brothers" from my chapter (Lisa, Bill, Chih-Wei, Natalie, and Summer), and we were all flying together, staying in the same room, sharing the bathroom (three girls, one bathroom?), etc.

Through personal contacts, we were able to get travel vouchers to travel anywhere in the United States for one hundred and fifty dollars, round trip. We secured our reservations, then waited, and waited, and waited for our confirmation num-

bers from the travel agent. Since this process had been used successfully by many others, I didn't feel the need to worry too much. Maybe I should have worried more.

When we got to the airport at a quarter 'til five (in the morning), the desk clerk at the United Airlines counter said there were reservations in our name, but the tickets were not paid for. Now, I'm ready to just explode. I could picture the six of us, dragging ourselves down to the local Greyhound station, traveling on a hot, musty bus with other fellow socialites who will make conversation more than desired.

Soon, our problem was sorted out, and we were on our way.

I sorted through all the various warnings from friends and family about the dangers of New Orleans, and decided to forget about them. I was going to have a good time and didn't want to think about that in the back of my mind. So, we hit all the famous (and infamous) bars on the strip. We made the rounds at Pat O'Brien's (drank Hurricanes), Tropical Isle (drank Hand Grenades and Shark Attacks), Razzoo's (drank Razzoo Kazoos), and Cat's Meow (couldn't drink anymore at this point).

As a dissenter of seafood, I forced myself to try the various cuisine the city had to offer. Shrimp, crawfish, gumbo, gumbalaya, and

even alligator were consumed. No one got sick (except for Chih-Wei, who had trouble getting to the porcelain on the floor and only made it to the sink), it wasn't too hot or humid, and the history and scenery was breathtaking.

Our fun in Cajun soon came to a screeching halt when we were informed that the travel agent had only paid for our tickets one-way, and had canceled the flight home. I'm seriously upset now because: a) we are many miles away from home with no way to get there, and b) all of my funds were depleted due to the addiction of Bourbon Street and the "Bucket Man" (a guy who followed us as we departed each night, singing songs into a bucket). Finally, we are booked on another flight, and scurry to get down to the airport.

New Orleans was a blast. We all had a great time, brought back numerous and memorable souvenirs, and are probably keeping the photo developers in business with all the pictures we took.

I sat down last night to relax and try to get myself back into the school mode. I flipped on the television to the local news, and the travel agent who had sold us the tickets was being featured on an investigative piece about plane ticket fraud. School couldn't have come at a better time.

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Let's Go Nuts

from LABOR DAY, page 4

I used to read another newspaper column called "Dress for Success." I got mad everytime, but still read it, much in the same way I torture my self with Dr. Laura and Rush. It's a great release valve to tune them in and yell at their stupidity while driving. But this Dress for Success author really went beyond the bounds. He had a rule for everything. From dresses, to skirts, to ties, and socks — the guy was the god of garb.

For six years I was in just such a world of professional dress. I couldn't wait to come home and put on my real clothes. Like shedding skin, I would strip off the confines of hose, heels, suit and blouse and become myself. Think of all the creative juices, time, and energy these companies would unleash on the world if people could wear what was comfortable and what reflected their personality — if they could go to work in their own skin.

Let's put the taste teachers out of business. Don white shoes to dance in the snow. Dare to be sparkly and don those sequins while the sun is still up. Wear your Stanley's with pride.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

All I wanted to do was buy a parking permit. As I walked towards the line in the Eppley Auditorium, a woman at the table in front shouts,"Whose bike is that?" I respond, "It's mine."

She told me I had to take it outside and lock it up.

I was not in a fighting mood, but I was furious. I simply asked if there was anything special I needed to bring to get a permit. She said, "Just your money." I left.

I wanted to say a lot more. I wanted to ask questions. I knew, however, that Omaha in a bike-unfriendly town and now UNO must be a bike-unfriendly campus. While there are about 5 or 6 bike racks on campus, I saw no harm in taking my bike inside a building where wheelchairs are allowed to obtain my permit and leave. My bike was not obstructing a pathway, it was not dirty, and the auditorium was not filled with people.

I returned home and got out my handy UNO rulebooks. The parking handbook does state that: Bicycles may not be parked/stored in buildings/offices, I realize that if everyone brought their bikes into class there could be a problem. However, at 7:00 in the evening, there are few students on campus, and I could have been treated with a lot more courtesy.

I apologize to the woman in the auditorium and everyone else who saw the harm in my bringing my bicycle indoors. However, I would like to see more UNO students, faculty, and administration be more bike friendly.

Sincerely,

Brian Wetjen Fine Arts Student

These members of the band, at right, pay close attention to the drum majors during performances. After all, it only takes a few careless people in the band to make the whole band sound out-of-synch.



Getting Wet For a Good Cause

by Kyle Glass and Kim Gilfillan

UNO's Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity put Omaha on the map with its hard work at — relaxing.

Students may remember the scene last Oct. 4, when the boys hauled a hot tub out to the pep bowl, promptly stripped down and hopped in.

A back-to-school prank? No. A frat initiation? No.

Their hot tub-a-thon raised \$1,000 for Nebraska's Easter Seals Society.

"We needed to hold an event the entire fraternity would support," said Phil Narducci, Lambda Chi Alpha member and organizer of the event. "The suggestion of using the hot tuba-thon was put to a vote. It passed and the work began."

That work earned the local chapter the Tozier Brown Public Affairs Award at the fraternity's 26th National Leadership Seminar this past June. Of the four to receive the award, UNO's chapter took second place.

The selection process consisted of six criteria: total manhours contributed, total number of participants, charitable fund collected, event publicity and recognition, chapter organization, and chapter participation for a single philanthropic event.

To fulfill these requirements," twenty-one members organized the event," Phil said. "They busied themselves with locating a hot tub (donated by Classic Pool and Spa), setup, cleanup, soliciting contributions, other support staff, and of course some had to sit in the hot tub."

"The 210 total man-hours contributed was well worth it," said Scott Hibbard, Vice President of the Lambda Chi Alphas. "We were able through press releases and word of mouth to raise \$1,000 for the Easter Seals."

"After placing the hot tub near the shotput, the guys deserved to relax," Hibbard added. "But they were not done. They continued to ask passers-by for contributions while enduring gawkers and taunts. Overall though, it was a real fun time."

The fun isn't over. According to Jeff Kuhr, Lambda Chi Alpha's chapter advisor, the boys plan to run a football from UNO to UNK to coincide with the UNO-UNK football game on Sept. 13, donating all contributions to the March of Dimes.

Andersen, Smith Play Major Roles

by Wendy Townley

"Things are going to come and go. Music is always there. Arts and music are the only constants history has. Without music, the only real 'history' left is war."

These are the thoughts of Junior Andy Smith. Smith, along with Junior Jenny Andersen, are the drum majors for UNO's marching band this year.

A fan of classical and jazz, music major Smith's interest was sparked in junior high. "My brother was involved in Bellevue East's band, and that got me thinking about music. Up until then I thought band was just for wimps."

Smith has since participated in UNO's marching band for the past three years, and is currently a music instructor at both Bellevue East and Bryan High Schools. Who influenced Smith the most? "I would have to say Scott Stewart, a teacher at the University of Wisconsin. He taught me to have a strong love and appreciation of music."

From his participation in music, Smith said that he has gained several friends, leadership, and most importantly, self confidence. "To participate in band," Smith went on to say, "you have to be 100 percent dedicated. You have to want to be there"

Drum major Andersen is *not* a music major. This Pre-med/ Bio tech major said since starting the clarinet at the tender age of 9, she has enjoyed music ever since.

"Music is relaxing for me," Andersen added.

"I attended a very small junior high and high school, and music surrounded me. It was a constant, and as a result of that, has become a fixed part of my life. Participating in the marching band at UNO has allowed me to meet other people."

Both Andersen and Smith are frustrated with the misconceptions that occur when the word 'band' is mentioned.

"When people hear the words marching band, they automatically think 'big loser.' They see music as an easy career field where the members have no life. It has been said that next to medicine, music is the second-most time-consuming career," Smith said.

Andersen's feelings closely mirror those of Smith's. "Most people think that music just is there to bide your time. Music, in fact, does not bide your time. Music is your time. The same dedication required to participate in athletics is essential to participate in music. Like Andy said, you have to want to be there!"

To ensure a reliable pair to lead the band, the candidates for drum major had to endure a difficult election process. Included in this screening was a competitive audition and a lengthy essay competition. The only chief requirement is that

> a member must have participated in marching band for at least one year.

> The UNO Marching Band will play on Sept. 25 at the River City Roundup, along with area high school bands, starting at 6 p.m. On Sept. 27, the band will play in the River City Roundup parade downtown, starting at 10 p.m. The Mighty Mavericks will perform during the Homecoming game against South Dakota on Sept. 27. As well as local events, the marching band will be playing abroad. The band has a performance on Oct. 25 at North Colorado University.



University of Nebraska at Omaha SPORTS Lady Mavs Look to Pocket First Wins This Weekend

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Only 49 days and counting...

With the recent announcement of the UNO hockey pre-season roster, eager hockey fans are one step closer to hockey-nirvana when the Mavs hit the ice for their long-awaited season-opener on Oct. 17 against the University of Manitoba.

Six juniors, nine sophomores and 15 freshmen make up the Mavs' inaugural team, boasting 12 Mays straight out of teams in the United States Hockey League. Of the 30 men on the Mavs' roster, 16 are from the U.S., 13 are from Canada and one player is from Finland.

"We really don't know who our standouts are going to be, just for the fact that we've never seen them play as a team together," said Assistant Coach Steve Rohlik.

With Mavs boasting playing time in several Canadian and U.S. hockey leagues, their

experience should prove to be a major asset for the Mavs.

"It really isn't that outof-the-ordinary for us to have players with USHL (United States Hockey League) experience,' said Mav Head Hockey Coach Mike

Kemp. "The USHL has become a kind of prime recruiting area for college hockey. Our kids are going to be coming with that additional experience and it gives them a little more of an edge."

Rohlik said that another added benefit of previous experience is age and maturity. "I think the biggest advantage that we're going to have is that we have a lot of older kids. When you look at our age as a team I think we only have about three guys under the age of 21 and that's pretty unheard of for college hockey. Most of our guys are mature, they've been around, they've played juniors...so that's what's going to really help us."

But the May coaching staff will also admit that there are some drawbacks from being a first-year team.

"It's kind of hard to say what's going to

happen just because of the fact that other teams are experienced," Rohlik said. "They have 10, 20 guys coming back from last year's team and we don't have anybody. We won't know exactly what we've got as far as real experience or what edge we're going to have.

"Being a first-year program, we're playing the best teams in the country from the start of the season and we just feel that we have to be in the best shape we can and be competitive because some of these other teams, they have guys who have been in the league for three years, even four years, and you can't pass that experience up."

But in the meantime, even though practice hasn't yet begun, the Mays are already beginning to prepare for this season.

'We're working out twice a day," Rohlik said. "Some of the guys are actually doing three times a day. We're working out every

morning at 6:30 and then we work out every afternoon at 3 o'clock. So, they're on a pretty rigorous schedule right now. They're doing a lot of running and a lot of lifting right now. A lot of guys are riding bikes and some guys

are swimming in the pool - a little bit of everything but mostly conditioning right now."

Steve Rohlik

Assistant Hockey Coach

A player who had originally signed with the Mavs will not be playing this year because he didn't meet eligibility requirements of a combined grade point average and test score. Steve Rogers, a forward that played for Flin Flon, Manitoba last year, won't be joining the May roster this year, Kemp said.

The roster still is not set in stone and is not expected to be finalized until a week before the first game. Aspiring hockey players interested in becoming a Mav can take a shot at trying out for a walk-on position, as tryouts will be held after practice begins on Sept.

"The biggest thing is going to be getting these guys experience," Rohlik said," and I don't really know if we actually have an



Coming into the 1997 season with an 11 game winning streak and a NCAA Division II National Championship title, the UNO Lady Maverick Volleyball team would appear to have this weekend's Sears/Godfather's Classic in their pockets.

The tournament brings some tough challenges to UNO. Four of the teams the Lady Mavericks will play finished in the top 25 last season. Shires is confident, "I think that the first thing that I will tell you is that the only team that can beat us is ourselves. This is the first real match of the year and every team will be nervous, but we have to remember to do what we came to do and not let ourselves get stressed out.'

The toughest competition, Shires said, will be Central Missouri State, who finished fourth in the country last year.

But Shires also added that she doesn't want an easy pre-season schedule. "We want to play the best teams. We are not going to shy away. We want to play tough competition right away to see where we're at."

The Lady Mavs' competition will not be easy. Missouri Western won one of the three games against the Lady Mavs. Last season, Wayne State was finally defeated 17-15 in the first game, and "...they will be great opponents," Shires said. Pittsburgh State has a new assistant coach, three time all-American, former Olympian and Nebraska player, Lori Endecott.

The Lady Mavs have five returning starters, after the departure of lone senior and setter Amy Steffel. Although she returned to UNO to assist the coaching staff, this left the position of setter open.

Although she said Cheri Pribyl will start this weekend's tournament, Bethany Tygert will also get some playing time, according to Shires. "The two are neck and neck, but because of Cheri's experience on the team and at the level we play at, she will start this week-

Cate, middle blocker; Christyn Malone, souri at 5 p.m. All games will be played in rightside hitter; and Erin Shafer, outside hit- the Fieldhouse.

The Lady Mavs have been gearing up for their opening tournament to be held this weekend at UNO's Lee and Helene Sapp Fieldhouse. Here they discuss strategy for one of their games.

ter. The other starter will be freshman middle blocker, Krista Niezwaag.

Shires is not using the championship title her team earned last season as a cushion. "That was last year. We have earned a reputation, but that will only take us as far as what happens during the first game on Friday. From that point on, it is this year's team. Every time the ball comes over the net we have to take care of it and we are going to take care of business. We have to succeed on our own

To Head Coach Rose Shires, in her eighth year at UNO, winning is nothing new. Since 1990, she has had overall winning seasons, and conference winning season since 1992. She lead her team to a 35/2 overall record, which marked the best percentage of .946 in school history. She also maintained a 16/2

Her coaching skills and winning record from last season earned her a number of awards including, North Central Conference's Coach of the Year, the 1996 AVCA National Coach of the Year, and the Omaha World-Herald State College Coach of the Year. The Championship title is. This is the first year in UNO history that the Lady Mavericks have come into the season ranked No. 1.

In their first game setting this year during the UNO Alumni exhibition match, the UNO Lady Mavs came back from a 14-6 deficit in game two to win 16-14. Game one had a final score of 15-4, and game three ended 15-

by Amy Silver

conference record.

The Lady Mavs will face Missouri Western at 1 p.m. and Wayne State at 7 p.m. on Other projected starters include three of Friday. Saturday's matches will be against the four seniors on this year's team: Tayna . Pittsburgh State at 1 p.m. and Central Mis-

Football Captains Announced

The May football team has elected their captains for the 1997 season. The new offensive captains are junior quarterback Ed Thompson (Cambridge, Neb.); senior wide receiver MarTay Jenkins (Waterloo, Iowa); and senior center Bob Wegner (Omaha). Captains on defense are junior defensive back Ben Titus (Omaha) and senior linebacker Demetrius Richards (Omaha.)

Second Scrimmage Saturday

The second full scrimmage for the May football team will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Caniglia Field. This will be the Mavs' final full scrimmage before their season-opener Sept. 6 against Central Missouri State at home.

Basketball Staff Adds Two

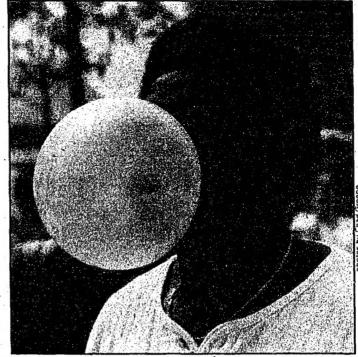
Head Men's Basketball Coach Kevin Lehman announced two additions to the May staff, Brian Jones and Ryan Moody.

Jones played professionally oversees and spent two seasons as assistant basketball coach at Rock Island (Ill.) Alleman High School. Jones also played under Lehman at Northern Iowa, Jones will help with academic support, summer camps, recruiting, and scouting and development of the Mavs' forward positions.

Moody, a graduate of Mt. Michael High School in Elkhorn, is a two-time all-conference player from Benedictine College. He will assist in scheduling, team travel planning, recruiting, scouting and development of backcourt players while pursuing his master's degree.

Ah, The First Week of School. . .





Here he is in action, ladies and gents: Wayland Holmes, the champion bubble blower at Wednesday's competition. The contest among UNO students was part of the lunch time fun outside the Milo Bail Student Center.

Eric Bowman, at left, a sophomore Business major searches for the book that will leave him a poor soul.

From far left (in photo at right), Kerri Foxhaven, Tanya Schramm, Joy Veenstra, Mandy Polzin, Lacie Wessman, and Sarah Bieker take time out to relax during the rush of first week activities.



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